THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The NCDC during March 1996 received a proposal from Govt. of Kerala alongwith a feasibility project report for setting up of an Ayurvedic Medicine Manufacturing Unit by the Kerala State Federation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Cooperatives Ltd., at an estimated cost of Rs. 110 lakhs.

(b) The project, for setting up of an Ayurvedic Manufacturing Unit involving a block cost of Rs.110.42 lakhs, is proposed to be implemented by the Kerala State Federation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The feasibility report submitted alongwith the proposal has been examined. The NCDC has informed the State Govt. that the report has not covered some of the vital aspects of the terms of reference while a few points have been inadequately covered. The list of points which were required to be covered as per the terms of reference prescribed by NCDC, have been communicated to the State Govt.

(c) Further Action on the proposal submitted by the State Govt. shall be taken by NCDC only after receipt of requisite modification in the report covering the agreed terms of reference.

[Translation]

Steamer Service between Calcutta & Silchar

3289. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start steamer service between Calcutta and Silchar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). There already exists riverine cargo transport service between Calcutta and Karimganj/Badarpur through Bangladesh. This route is open to traffic for the period May-mid November every year and is closed for rest of the year due to non-availability of adequate draft. The stretch between Badarpur and Silchar in the river Barak is not navigable at present, as experienced by Central India Water Transport Corporation Ltd. There is no proposal for commencement of service between Calcutta and Silchar.

Admission in Navyug Schools

3290. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any quota for the children of the employees of New Delhi Municipal Council for admission in the Navyug Schools in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the number of such students in Navyug School in Laxmibai Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the New Delhi Municipal Council there is no quota for wards of NDMC employees for admission to Navyug Schools in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of Principals in Colleges of Delhi

3291. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "panel mein nam nahin tha phir bhi niyukta kar diya pracharaya ne" appearing in the daily 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated October 27, 1996;

(b) if so, the fact thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A factual report on the allegations made in the news-items has been called for from the University and any further action in the matter would be possible after the same is received.

Treatment to Retired Officers & Jawans of Air Force

3292. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make available treatment for heart diseases and Cancer free of cost by the courtesy of Air-men Wives Welfare Association to the retired officers and Jawans of Air Force and their family members;

(b) if so, the detail thereof and the amount proposed to be spent by the Union Government for the said work and the time by hospital for the purpose is likely to be set up;

(c) whether Government propose to set up any such hospital for the retired officers and jawans of Army and navy and their family members; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d). Air force have set up a Super Speciality Veteran Hospital at

Subroto Park, New Delhi, from their Welfare and non-Public Funds. At present, this is an enterprises outside Government purview. A request has, however, also been received for financial assistance of Rs.6.00 crores from the National Defence Fund for this Hospital.

2. The Super Speciality Veteran Hospital will have 54 beds and it will provide specialised treatment for Cardiac, Renal, Orthopaedics and Malignant Diseases. The hospital is primarily meant for retired Indian Air Force personnel and their families. Surplus beds if available will be offered to retired personnel of Army and Navy.

3. At present, the Army and Navy have no proposal for setting up of hospitals for ex-servicemen. The ex-Servicemen of the three Services and their families are provided medical facilities in Service hospitals except for psychiatric treatment, cancer treatment, kidney transplantation and coronary bypass surgery. For the treatment of these ailments financial assistance is provided under the Group Insurance schemes of the Armed Forces. Under the Group Insurance scheme, an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh it paid for heart treatment, Rs.75,000/- for Cancer treatment, Rs.1.00 lakh for Renal transplant and Rs.75,000/-for hip and knee joint replacement. Those ex-servicemen who are not covered under the medical insurance schemes, are provided financial assistance upto 60% of total expenditure on treatment of serious diseases, e.g., by-pass surgery, angiography, kidney renal transplant, cancer, coronary artery surgery, etc., by the Kendriya Board.

[English]

IIM in Kerala and Madhya Pradesh

3293. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had decided to set up Indian Institute of Management in Kerala and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the decision in each case was taken together;

(c) if so, when;

(d) whether Kerala has been asked to deposit Rs.17 crores and Madhya Pradesh Rs. 5 crores for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the reasons for discrimination in the matter of the amount of deposit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The Government of India had approved setting up of two new India Institutes of Management in Calicut (Kerala) and Indore (Madhya Pradesh) in the year 1995 with a total cost of Rs. 43.10 crore for each institute. The State Government of Kerala offered to bear 40% of the initial cost and land free of cost while the State Government of Madhya Pradesh agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 crore and land free of cost.

Lease Agreement for Dry Dock

3294. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether CPT had leaded any dry dock to M/s. Chokhani Shipyard (Bengal Ltd.) in a clandestine manner;

(b) whether Chokhani Limited is a defaulter of huge sums to CPT; and

(c) if so, the action that has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir. Calcutta Port Trust had leased out N.S. Dry Docks-I and II with adjacent land to M/s. Chokhani Shipyard (Bengal) Ltd. for a period of 30 years w.e.f. from 1.9.1994 by inviting Tenders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Calcutta Port Trust (CPT) and Chokhani Shipyard (Bengal) Ltd. (CSBL), a notice was issued to the party to clear the outstanding dues before 1.3.96. Since CSBL failed to clear the outstanding dues, CPT resumed the above two Dry Docks on 1.3.1996.

World Bank Loan for Roads and Bridges

3295. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of loans and advances taken from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other International financial institutions during the last three years for construction and improvement/repair of new National Highways/bridges;

(b) whether the total loan amount was spent on the related projects; and

(c) if not, the details of the diversion of such loans and advances alongwith reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Details are enclosed as per Statement.

(b) Since the projects under these loans/grant are still in progress, the total loan/grant amount is yet to be spent.

(c) Expenditure incurred on the projects are reimbursed by respective lending agencies and hence, diversion of each loans and grant, does not arise.